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1. A story, appearing in the Dutch language newspapers and the ANETA news bulletin on 22 December 1950 alleging the murder of some 13 or 14 people, has been proved false by the police. This account claimed that several Dutch people were among those killed by lawless elements near Parungkuda on the Bogor-Sukabumi road.
2. Several explanations can be given for the publication of this story. One is the desire of hotel and resort owners around Puntjak to attract Christmas holiday visitors to their area. The false tale was intended to discourage such visitors from going to the Sukabumi area, particularly to the Hotel Salabintana. The desired effect was achieved since most of the Christmas reservations at the Salabintana were cancelled.
3. Certain financial interests in Bandung, headed by the Denis Corporation, a loan company with extensive property holdings, are interested in purchasing the Hotel Salabintana. By spreading stories of this kind, these interests hope the present owners of the hotel, through lack of patronage, will be forced to reduce their selling price.
4. Another reason may be an attempt by certain anti-Government elements in West Java to discredit the present regime's ability to maintain law and order there.

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**Comment.** The police, upon investigation, found this story to be absolutely false. However, they feel all three explanations contain elements of truth. Chinese and Dutchmen own the Denis Corporation and most of the public places in Puntjak. These persons generally are considered anti-Indonesian. Therefore, their business interests as well as their political views are served by the after-effects of such falsehoods.

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